



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5703

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTAIN
MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-439g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (b) If a member who is continuing to accrue municipal service or
5 who is on a leave authorized by the municipality, dies on or after July
6 1, 1985, and (1) after completion of the age and service requirements
7 for retirement under section 7-428, 7-431 or 7-432, or [.] (2) after
8 completing twenty-five years of service, his spouse, provided they are
9 lawfully married at the time of the member's death and have been
10 lawfully married for at least twelve months preceding his death, shall
11 receive a lifetime income in an amount equal to [fifty per cent of the
12 average of the retirement income that the member would have been
13 entitled to if he had retired the day he died had his benefits been paid
14 under the option specified in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this
15 section and the retirement income that the member would have been
16 entitled to if he had retired the day he died and had his benefit been

17 paid under the option specified in subdivision (1) of said subsection]
 18 the amount that would have been payable to a contingent annuitant
 19 under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section if the member
 20 had retired on the day he or she died and the contingent annuitant was
 21 entitled to receive one hundred per cent of the reduced amount
 22 payable to the member. The spouse's eligibility for such benefits shall
 23 commence from the day next following the member's date of death. If
 24 such member was not eligible to retire at the time of his death, such
 25 benefit shall be calculated as if he had reached age fifty-five, but based
 26 on his service and final average earnings at his date of death.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2007 | 7-439g(b) |
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the benefit to the surviving spouse if a member of the Municipal Employee's Retirement Fund dies before retiring.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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